

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2008

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino
Vice President – John Kruth
Secretary – Sheri Del Sasso
Treasurer – Donna Aveck

Directors Present

Immediate Past President – Chick Petrosino
Community Standards – Bob Semer
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller
Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons
Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Special Projects – Stacy Scarrow

Social Committee Chairperson – Kathy Kruth

Pictures were taken of the new Board members at 9:05 am. The BSIA January 4, 2008 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:08 am. The minutes of the December 7, 2007 Board meeting were approved accepted and will be posted on the BSI Association website. Reports of officers and directors have been reviewed and accepted and placed on file.

President Joe Sabatino had to address the Board regarding Kathy Kruths position. Due to a conflict in our by-laws (Article III, Sect. 9) both husband & wife cannot serve in elected offices simultaneously, which includes both Officer and Director positions. Working with Gene Coy, our Parliamentarian, we have identified 2 changes that must be made to our existing by-laws to allow a husband & wife to serve on BSIA Board simultaneously. They are: deletion of Art. III, Sect. 9, and amending Art. II, Sect. 6 (“all members shall have 1 vote per membership”) which will clarify that this applies only to general or special membership meeting, not Board meetings. Joe has spoken with Kathy Kruth to discuss with her the need for her to formally resign as Social Director due to conflict with by-laws at November annual membership meeting. The Board reviewed this matter and Motion was made by Terry Miller, **MOTION: Kathy Kruth would attend all Board meetings in the capacity of Social Chairperson, and would have all rights of a Board member except for voting rights. Second by Donna Aveck, Motion was passed unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Rain Barrel – City Ordinance Passed & Possible Policy Needed for BSI:

The Board reviewed the situation and decided at this time to not put a policy in place, but to handle on a case by case request.

Community Outreach Program:

Immediate Past President Chick Petrosino will be the Chairperson of this committee. Chick took the time to explain to the new Board members what the program will start out as. “The program will start with a break down of our community into 10 smaller neighborhoods, which will provide a more effective communication tool from members directly to the BSIA Board. The neighborhood issues and ideas are important to the Board.” We are hoping that this program will make for a better exchange of ideas. Chick mentions his goals are to recruit 10 volunteers for these positions.

No Trespassing – First Reading from City Council:

Chick Petrosino was at the first reading and Chick reported back to the Board as follows: Proposed ordinance to manage “trespass on vacant lots” was read as proposed by our Chief of Police. As you also know there was considerable discussion by our Council members and alternate proposals were introduced with the possibility of a newly written Ordinance specifically dealing with “no fishing on vacant lots”. Chick Petrosino and Joe Sabatino will be involved in delving further into the no trespass issue and have additional language introduced to Bill 1185 to limit the number of signs on any vacant lot to “one” just as it is a law to do so on construction sites. In the interim Chick and Jim Townsend went immediately to Rep. Kreegel’s office and spoke with his administrative assistant to determine if this language could be added to the existing bill for vacant lot trespass. Chick and Jim were informed that she felt that this “Glitch” could be handled through Rep. Aubuchon (Cape Coral) with out difficulty. We are awaiting a response on the subject.

CERT (Certified Emergency Response Training):

This program is provided by the Punta Gorda Fire Department, which allows us to provide needed support to our neighbors in time of natural emergencies. Joe spoke with Claire Phelen which is our Chairperson for this training. In the next two weeks we will know the dates of the training session and then an e-mail will go out to the members for registering.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda for Social Activities:

Kathy passed out proposed activity calendar and the Board reviewed all of the activities and decided to go forth with the plan. Kathy also informed the Board of all the member

names on her committee. Cynthia Counsel, Dot Minzer, Ann Fitzsimmons, Brenda Townsend, Anita Sabatino, Claire Phelen, Stacy Scarrow, Renee Nagel. Kathy and Chick will work together on using the banner to advertise the social calendar.

Vertical Wind Generators:

This was brought to our attention that there was an inquiry to Terri Tubbs (Urban Design for the City of Punta Gorda) regarding the use of wind generators. After the Board reviewed all the paperwork we the Board decided to table the discussion. BOD are to send their comments to Joe Sabatino by January 24th. Possibly review again at next months meeting if necessary.

Designate Editor for 2008:

Stacy Scarrow volunteered for the position of being editor and the responsibilities will be to proof all articles for the newsletter, follow up with Board members, and forward all articles and pictures to Buffalo Graffix's attention Lynn.

Due Date for Board Articles for February Newsletter:

The due date for all articles and pictures to be sent to Stacy are **now due by January 28th** because of Advertisers requirements for time sensitive ads.

Communication Committee (work with Winston & Dotti):

This committee will consist of John Kruth, Sheri Del Sasso, and Howard Elkin. The committee is to assist with the content of the website while Winston and Dotti are changing and building a new website.

Holiday Light Winners:

The neighborhood lighting judges (Warren Renninger & Frank Wiechec) completed the judging on December 16th. There are many beautiful houses, yards, and areas out there. The * shows the individual winners receive a years membership in BSIA.

The Official Winners are:

Best All Around: *Dr. Arthur Hiatt @818 Monaco Dr., beautiful tall trees, front and back, classic house décor and a great sleigh in the front yard.

Best Front Yard: *Robert & Annette Mignault @ 318 Santander Ct., for expanding from last year to do every bush and tree and one of the nicest crèche scenes.

Best Canal View: *Jim & Mickey O'Donnell @ 406 Valletta Ct., beautiful lights along the canal, house and boat on a tip lot to spread the view. View best from Monaco.

Best Grouping: The Monaco Canal along Monaco onto Madrid, around to St. Girons, and the end of Pt. Bendres and Andora. Many new decorations this year and better than ever.

Most Creative: *Justin Wolcott @ 218 Madrid, for lighting up the entrance to the neighborhood. Lights, trees, and candy canes, what more could a kid want for Christmas.

Best Condominium: Gerald & Mary Dassrow, Royal & Mary Brandt, and William & Sue Bareither @ 3530 Mondovi Ct., show a condo can be decorated beautifully. We need more condos decorated!

Best Cul-de-Sac: Santander Ct., lighted trees, shrubs, and animals to make it fun.

BSIA Membership Dinner Meeting:

Joe Sabatino has suggested the date for the membership dinner be reserved at the Twin Isles Country Club for Monday March 10, 2008. The entire Board was in agreement with the date chosen. The dinner will be served buffet style to enable people to mingle and socialize. Possible speakers for the membership part of the meeting: Tom Jackson – Utility Director of Punta Gorda, plus Howard Kunik or Ron Thomas.

Property Tax Special Meeting:

This will be a public forum meeting to help inform the residents of the new tax referendums. It will be held on Saturday January 12, 2008 at 9:00 am at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Center on Shreve St. Joe will be following up with Ed Zapke and Jim Brown on the details. Stacy Scarrow will handle the coffee with Beth from PGI Civic Center.

BSIA Review 2007 Goals & Objectives and BSIA 2008 Goals:

Joe will send out a list and will be on next months agenda.

Proposed Joint Meeting – BSIA, BSIBC, & TICC:

This matter was tabled till February's Board meeting.

New Members Social:

The Board has decided to hold a wine, cheese and heavy appetizers social for all new members joining in 2008. The tentative date is Monday March 31, 2008 at the Villa Club house if it is available. Time will be from 5 to 7 pm and every Board member will bring an appetizer.

Membership Drive for 2008:

The membership drive is now in progress. We have almost 600 members and 480 are on the e-mail program. In accordance with the provisions in our bylaws Article II, Section 10 Annual Dues are due and payable by January 31, 2008. Dues remain the same as last year Members \$30 new Members \$40. The reason for the difference is \$5 for landscaping and \$5 for legal to be put into reserve funds.

Donna Aveck our treasurer made a motion, **MOTION to approve \$224.60 to update quick book pro 2008 for BSIA computer software. MOTION seconded by Charlie Council, the entire Board was in favor so it was accepted and passed.**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:42 am. The next Board meeting will be held on Friday February 1st, 2008 at 9:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Del Sasso, Secretary